

**U-15113**  
**Commission Interconnection Investigation**  
**Consensus Areas Identified at January 9, 2007 Public Meeting**

In an Order issued on October 24, 2006, the Commission provided for a public meeting to be held on January 9, 2007 for the purposes of discussion of electric utility interconnection issues and to determine if any consensus can be reached.

This document includes a list of areas where it appeared that consensus was reached during the meeting. Participants requested an opportunity to comment on this list. Staff welcomes comments and in order for them to be considered during Staff's report preparation, participant comments should be filed no later than by the end of the day on Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

Please file comments electronically. For those participants who are not Commission efile subscribers, please email your comments to [mpscefilecases@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscefilecases@michigan.gov) and include the Case No. U-15113 in the subject.

**Consensus Areas**  
**Under 30 kW Generator Projects**

1. The meeting participants generally agreed that the Commission should set up a work group to develop a simplified interconnection procedure for 10 kW and under inverter-based generator projects. Key components of the new interconnection procedure would be the following:
  - a. One or two page application,
  - b. UL 1741 certified inverter projects would require no utility analysis, testing or additional safety equipment,
  - c. IREC model interconnection procedures or FERC Small Generator Interconnection Procedures would be used as a starting point.
2. The meeting participants generally agreed that utilities should appoint a knowledgeable utility interconnection project manager for each interconnection application. (This is different from the single point of contact mentioned in Rule 2 of the Interconnection Standards.) The project manager would know of the status of the interconnection application within the utility, coordinate interdepartmental utility interconnection activities, and communicate regularly with the project developer. This can be done without rulemaking, but it would be helpful to amend the interconnection process to include this requirement.
3. The meeting participants generally agreed that the Commission should encourage and provide more electric utility interconnection processing educational opportunities for the public and utilities.

## **Consensus Areas**

### **30 kW and Larger Generator Projects**

1. The meeting participants generally agreed that pre-application meetings would be helpful to both utilities and developers. The developer should consider meeting with the utility prior to purchasing generation equipment. This can be done without rulemaking, but it would be helpful to amend the interconnection process to include this step.
2. The meeting participants generally agreed that utilities should appoint a knowledgeable utility interconnection project manager for each interconnection application. (This is different from the single point of contact mentioned in Rule 2 of the Interconnection Standards.) The project manager would know of the status of the interconnection application within the utility, coordinate interdepartmental utility interconnection activities, and communicate regularly with the project developer. This can be done without rulemaking, but it would be helpful to amend the interconnection process to include this requirement.
3. The meeting participants generally agreed that the Commission should open a rulemaking proceeding to do the following:
  - set reasonable and achievable interconnection processing timelines,
  - provide for an informal interconnection standards waiver procedure when both utility and developer are in agreement.
4. The participants generally agreed that the Commission should encourage and provide more electric utility interconnection processing educational opportunities for the public and utilities.